

Turkey Run State Park


Nature Center Programs

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Wednesday, June 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

 **10:30am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45 minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, June 2

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Giant Bubbles! – Make GIANT bubbles from household items. Bubble recipe included. Nature Center. 30 min.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

Friday, June 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Trees That Survived The Ax** – Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, June 4


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10am-3pm Photo Scavenger Hunt – Stop at the nature center for a hunt sheet, then bring it back by 3 for a prize!

 **10:45am A Look Back In Time** – Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run during this 45-minute slideshow of historic photos. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9:30pm Like A Moth To A Light – Discover, hands-on, the lives of moths & other nighttime insects. Join us at the nature center for a 1-hour fun family program.


Sunday, June 5

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies! 1-hour easy walk.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Monday, June 6

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, June 7

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, June 8

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Furs Of The Trade** – Explore the furbearers of Turkey Run, discover their unique adaptations, feel the differences in their coats, and hear how they were historically used. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, June 9

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Snakes Alive! – Meet & touch 3 native snakes during this fun, interactive program. 40 minutes. Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Friday, June 10

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Step Back In Time** – Explore the mystery of Turkey Run’s past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderate hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.



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Hoosier Quest Program
Earn pins & patches!
Get started at the Nature Center.

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Saturday, June 11

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST


9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.


10am Giant Bubbles! – Make GIANT bubbles from household items. Bubble recipe included. Nature Center. 30 min.

10:45am All Hail The Queen Bee – Gather in the nature center to see video from cameras attached to honeybees, and taste a variety of honey made from different flowers. A buzzin’ bee craft is available for those young at heart. 1-hour program.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

 **9pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

Sunday, June 12


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies! 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.


Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Monday, June 13

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Reservations recommended!


Tuesday, June 14

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

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 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.


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Wednesday, June 15

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Reservations recommended!

Thursday, June 16


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Mother Nature's Pantry – Enjoy nature’s bounty on a 1-hour moderate hike to see all the naturally edible things Mother Nature provides. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Friday, June 17

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Trees of Turkey Run – See how easy it is to ID some of the common trees in the park during a 1-hour moderate hike. Starts at Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Reservations recommended!


5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, June 18

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST


9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10am Touch A Live Snake! – Stop by the nature center to see what a snake feels like, and discover how many can be found at Turkey Run. 30 minutes.

 **10:45am Step Back In Time** – Explore the mystery of Turkey Run’s past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderate hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9:30pm Test Your Nighttime Senses – Gather at the nature center to hike into the night with a naturalist to pit your senses against those of wild animals. 1-hour moderate hike.

Sunday, June 19


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies! 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

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Monday, June 20

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
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Tuesday, June 21

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.
Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

Wednesday, June 22

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!


Thursday, June 23

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Uncovering The Past – Turkey Run has changed tremendously over the years. The park we enjoy today tops the remains of ancient swamp forests and coral reefs. Join us for a 1 hour moderate hike to discover fossil remains of this ancient landscape. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Friday, June 24


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Pollinator Protectors – Gather at the nature center to celebrate National Pollinator Week by discovering how you can protect these important critters and make a fun Buzzin’ Bee craft to take home. 45 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.


 **9pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

Saturday, June 25

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9:30pm Light Up The Sky – Discover the amazing lightning bug: talk to some☺, catch some, & explore their habitats during a 45-minute program and easy hike. Meet at the nature center.


Sunday, June 26

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Monday, June 27

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!

Tuesday, June 28

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, June 29

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended!


Thursday, June 30

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Snake Mobiles – Come to the Nature Center to make your own cryptically colored kite or mobile. 30 minute activity.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:15am A Mother Hummingbirds Life – Gather in the Nature Center to view an amazing video of hummingbirds building nests, laying eggs and tending babies. 30 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, July 2


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT


9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10am U.S. Flag Kites – Create a beautiful patriotic kite to celebrate the holiday. Nature Center. 30 min.

10:45am Life In A Rotted Log – Meet at the nature center to go on a 1-hour moderate discovery hike to see what kinds of critters live in, around, on top, or underneath of rotting logs.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

 **9:30pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

Sunday, July 3


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am A Look Back In Time** – Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run during this 45-minute slideshow of historic photos. Nature Center.

11am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9:30pm Owl Prowl – Meet at the Nature Center to discover three common owls at Turkey Run, and then go on a moderate 1-hour hike to try and call some close.


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Monday, July 4

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, July 5

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, July 6

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

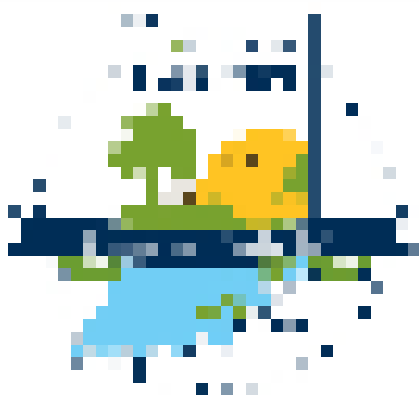
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

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